[2nd August 1932

## Appendix XV.

[Vide item X—Papers laid on the Table of the House—page 100 supra.]

Public (General) Department.

*U.O. Note No.* 10353-2, *dated 25th May* 1932.

With reference to the answer given in the Legislative Council to Question No. 1057 on the 19th March 1932, the following information is laid on the table of the House:—

1057 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that A. V. Kunhambu and M. V. Chindan Nayar were taken to the Police station on their refusal to cease picketing Ramachandra Maliga & Son's cloth shop in Kasargod on 7th March 1932, and beaten by the Police with hands and canes and subsequently taken into the lock-up where they were beaten by the Sub-Inspector with cane and then pushed out;

(*b*) whether, when they again returned to picket, they were again taken to the station and similarly beaten by the Police and the Sub-Inspector;

(*c*) whether they were taken walking about 1 a.m. (after midnight) by the Police to a house about five miles away and then left there; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that all the while they were made to starve?

*A.*—(*a*) The two persons were taken to the Police station as they refused to go away from the scene of picketing. On their giving a verbal undertaking not to picket again they were released. They were not beaten in the Police station. They were in fact detained in the Police station for only 15 minutes and were not put into the lock-up at all.

(*b*) In violation of their undertaking the two persons again picketed the same shop after release whereupon the Police arrested and took them to the station. They were not beaten by the Police. They were released again at about 7 p.m.

(*c*) On their release the two persons were allowed to go where they wished. They walked for about 4 miles and entered a private house.

(*d*) The two persons were in custody between the hours of 4-30 and 7 p.m. only. There was no need to provide food for them during this short period.

G. T. H. Bracken,
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Legislative Council Office.